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BOOK REVIEWS.

AMERICAN RAILROAD LAW. Containing what is Distinctive in American Railroad Law. By Simeon E. Baldwin, LL. D., Professor of Law in the Yale Law School. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. 1904.

The author states in the preface that "this book was begun in 1884. The author had then been for twenty years in the active practice of the legal profession, and continued in it for some time afterwards. In his earlier years at the bar he was more often engaged in suing than in defending railroad companies; in the later years more in counselling and defending them than in suing them. Since 1876 also he has taught Railroad Law, at some length, to the third-year class in the Yale Law School." He has, therefore, had an opportunity to study this important subject from all standpoints, and for a sufficient length of time to appreciate its difficulties.

The author divides the subject into six parts, and treats it under the following heads: Constitution, Franchise, and Organization; Location, Construction, and Equipment; Finances; Operation; Transfers and Liens; Actions. The work does credit to its distinguished author. G. C. G.